ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a bookend-like article stowage system. The disclosed system comprises at least one slide support assembly receivable in an assembly-receiving slot. The assembly-receiving slot comprises first and second substantially parallel spring member-engaging surfaces oriented orthogonal to the assembly-receiving slot, and a slide member-receiving portion formed adjacent the spring member-engaging surfaces. The slide support assembly comprises an article-engaging upright, a slide member, and a V-shaped spring member. The slide member is slidably received in the slide member-receiving portion and the spring member is received in a spring member-receiving groove formed in the slide member. The terminal ends of the spring member are oriented orthogonal to the assembly-receiving slot and cooperatively associated with the spring member-engaging surfaces for allowing unidirectional movement of the slide support assembly when in one equilibrium position and for allowing bidirectional movement of the slide support assembly when in a further equilibrium position.

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